

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 300

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Milligan College women's basketball team, 2013 Appalachian Athletic Conference regular season champions.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to salute the accomplishments of the State's great collegiate athletic teams, those teams that work hard, make the necessary sacrifices, achieve success, and provide entertainment for their fans; and

WHEREAS, the Milligan College women's basketball team is one such estimable team that finished the 2012-2013 season of regular play with an impressive overall record of 23 -10 and conference record of 16 – 2, earning an Appalachian Athletic Conference championship for the year; and

WHEREAS, as conference champions, the Milligan College Buffaloes secured a berth in the 2013 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Women's Basketball D-II National Championships, and they entered tournament play in Sioux City, Iowa, as a seven seed; and

WHEREAS, on March 7th, the Milligan Buffaloes presented a valiant effort against a formidable opponent, the College of the Ozarks, in the tournament's first round, but advancement was not to be and the Buffaloes fell 84 – 76 in this most exciting and hard-fought match-up; and

WHEREAS, just as it had been the entire season, the passionate enthusiasm of the Buffaloes' three graduating seniors, Johneshia Good, Jaimee Hill, and Dorian Freeman, was contagious and the whole team turned in exemplary performances of which their coaches and fans were exceedingly proud; and

WHEREAS, the other players on this outstanding team, which is under the able leadership of coach Rich Aubrey and assistant coach Michael Sampson, include Allison Jones, Jasmine Carter, Kristian Moses, Kylie Russell, Casey Jones, Shannon Jewett, Chelsey Weddle,

Callie Cox, Tyronica Shaver, Tracy Hardiman, Jasmine Jefferson, Brooke White, Kayla Kelly, Caitlyn Cain, and Catelyn Radeck; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Milligan College women's basketball team not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also exhibited traits and abilities that surely point toward their success as individuals in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom and this magnificent team performed with precision during the season, earning its well-deserved reputation for high standards of athletic achievement, the quality of their play, and their competitive spirit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the Milligan College women's basketball team as the 2013 Appalachian Athletic Conference Champions, applaud the individual efforts of each team member and coach, and extend our best wishes for their collective and individual successes in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.